

# Happy Holidays

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## Peace on Earth



**O CHRISTMAS TREE** — White lights strung by Emergency Service Branch, Public Works Department personnel, on a 27-foot pole illuminate Dewey Field, Coasters' Harbor Island, in this photo showing the Naval War College in the background. Naval Station Newport and housing areas are brightly decorated for the holidays. Story, more pictures, Page 8.

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo



### O'Club closed for makeover

The Newport Officers' Club is secured until March for some extensive remodeling.

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### 51 admirals visit Newport

The Naval War College and Surface Warfare Officers School host 51 Navy surface admirals for a conference.

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### See you in 2003!

This is the last issue of The Newport Navalog for 2002. The first issue of 2003 will be published Jan. 10.

Season's greetings to all hands!

Navy Newport 2002 in review, Pages 10-21

THE OFFICERS' Club, Building 95, is currently secured for renovations and remodeling in the main dining/ballroom and kitchen. Topside lounge will reopen Jan. 6, but is due for remodeling next year as well.

Richard Alexander/U.S. Navy photos



COOKIE TIME – Mike Barra, Officers' Club executive chef, removes some sugar cookies from the oven.

## Navy's No. 1 Officers' Club due for major remodeling

By RICHARD ALEXANDER

Navalog editor

The Newport Officers' Club, No. 1 in the Navy worldwide for retail business, quietly secured last Sunday for the holidays. But when it reopens before spring 2003, patrons will see some radical changes begin to take place.

Ron Kurtz, manager, said Topside will be restored to its original design in 1919. Floor to waist-high 4 by 6-foot Pella windows will be installed at the north, east and west sides which will offer patrons commanding views of Dewey Field and the Naval War College, the Newport Bridge and the Naval Station Marina.

The open ceiling will be closed in and painted black, and the floor will be refinished.

Narragansett Construction Co. of Middletown is the contractor.

Also, the wood staircase to Topside will be torn out and replaced with steel and concrete, which is required under fire code.

Downstairs, the main ballroom, which seats 500, is scheduled for a makeover with Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds.

The seams in the extensive wall-to-wall carpet will be repaired, and the floor-to-ceiling columns will receive handcrafted decorative features.

The arched windows overlooking the water will be removed to allow a better view of the Newport Bridge. Interior walls will be repainted and radiator fronts will be fitted with plantation shutters.

Improvements to the kitchen from Appropriated Funds will include a new exhaust system to expel cooking smoke, new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HV/AC), a new hood over the stove with a fire suppression system, plus a new dishwasher and steamer. Three wide drains will be carved into the floor.

All other equipment will be reconditioned and reinstalled.

Eastern General Contractors, Inc. of Springfield, Mass., is the primary contractor for the kitchen and stairwell.

Kurtz said, depending on the construction schedule, the Topside will reopen as usual on Jan. 6 for lunch, bar service, the pub menu and evening specials. But when the windows arrive and installation is scheduled, Topside will relocate to the Constellation Room on the first deck.

With kitchen remodeling and the ballroom renovated, the first deck of the club will remain secured until March 10.

The club opened in September 1946. At the time a martini cost just 35 cents.

## Gift certificates for commissaries popular worldwide

By BONNIE POWELL

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissary gift certificates are selling like hotcakes, but moms and dads are not the top givers of the "gift of groceries."

More than \$500,000 in certificates has been sold. The majority have been purchased by installation charitable concerns, such as chaplain's funds, but worldwide public donations of gift certificates are now possible thanks to the USO and the Air Force Aid Society. The two charitable organizations have agreed to facilitate the sending of commissary gift certificates to military members in need.

"The gift certificate program was started as a customer service enhancement, but this adds a rewarding dimension," said Patrick B. Nixon, deputy director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "The participation of prominent organizations such as AFAS and the USO means that military families can benefit from commissary gift certificates donated by the general public."

The USO will accept donated gift certificates to help military service members overseas through USO centers in Europe and the Far East, wherever there are commissary locations.

"Commissary gift certificates are the perfect way to support

our troops," said Edward A. Powell, USO president and CEO. "The USO is pleased to be part of this partnership to help bring a little piece of home to our men and women around the world."

AFAS, the official charity of the Air Force, provided over \$300,000 in food assistance grants and loans to Air Force families in 2001. AFAS will accept donated commissary gift certificates and pass them on to installation family support centers.

Military service members have already benefitted this holiday season as installation charitable concerns purchased gift certificates in bulk.

The new commissary gift certificate program is made possible through a business agreement with CertifiChecks Inc. DeCA does not derive any income from the agreement.

Anyone can buy commissary certificates, but only authorized shoppers can spend them.

The certificates are not sold in commissaries. In addition to the link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, certificates can also be purchased by phone at 1-877-770-GIFT (toll free in United States only). Purchasers can select the "order" link for personal gifts or the "donate" link to donate certificates through the charitable organization page.

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Capt. Ruth A. Cooper  
Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport

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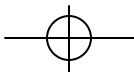
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VICE ADM. Timothy LaFleur, Commander, Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet, addresses a conference of admirals in the Mahan Rotunda, Naval War College, Dec. 3-4.

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## 51 Navy admirals confer here

**Lt. J.G. PETER J. FEHRING**  
NWC Public Affairs Staff

The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, addressed 51 of the Navy's surface warfare qualified admirals attending Surface Warfare Flag Officer Conference (SWFOC) recently at Naval Station Newport.

The two-day conference, under tight security and without publicity, was hosted by the Naval War College and Surface Warfare Officers School Command. It featured lectures and meetings on Adm. Clark's Sea Power 21 vision, future combat ships, the state of the Navy, and officer career paths.

It was fitting that Newport was chosen as the site for this biannual conference as our nation continues the global War on Terrorism and embarks on new missions in the Middle East. NAVSTA is recognized as the center of strategic naval thought, war gaming, and officer education and training.

"As we conduct wartime naval operations overseas, it is very appropriate that the surface warfare flag officers come here to Newport, a center for Naval education, to meet and discuss these important issues," said Vice Adm. Timothy LaFleur, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

During the conference, the admirals visited the future of the surface Navy, students at SWOS. The admirals took the opportunity to have a working lunch in small groups with SWOS students and to field questions from those officers who are preparing to report to their first ship assignment.

"It was important for the flag officers to spend time with our students and discuss their experiences and the future of the Navy," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Saat, SWOS instructor. "The ensigns will be able to take this knowledge with them as they head to the fleet in the coming months."

### Newport Naval Cable TV

## USS Truman battle group deploys

Navy and Marine Corps News airs daily at 8:30 a.m., noon and 5:30 p.m. on channel 11. Look for the following stories and more on this week's Navy/Marine Corps News show:

— USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Battle Group deploys in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

— Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing explains the advantages of investing in the Thrift Savings

Plan. For complete information log onto [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

— The star of the new movie *Antwone Fisher* talks about his experience working with the Navy.

#### Silent Witness video

The Fleet the Family Support Center, in support of the national Silent Witnesses Initiative, is displaying a life-sized silhouette of domestic violence victim Marie Willis of Bristol, R.I.

The Silent Witness video can be seen on Newport Naval Cable TV this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m. on channel 11.

#### Health, Wellness Videos

Health education and wellness programs are now offered on Newport Naval Cable Television channel 13, daily, following *Navy and Marine Corps News*.

Beginning Dec. 23, learn more about *Insomnia and Migraines & Other Headaches*.

### A number of things...

**200**

The number of junior officers who will graduate today from the Division Officer Course at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM). **Story, Page 4.**

**1919**

The year the current Officers' Club, Building 95, was built as a Public Works maintenance garage. The O'Club is secured for extensive remodeling and renovations. **Story, Page 2.**

**51**

The number of admirals who attended the Surface Warfare Flag Officer Conference earlier this month at the Naval

War College and Surface Warfare Officers School. **Story, this page.**

**1510**

The year of the first known Christmas tree (as we know it) in Latvia. In the last quarter of the 16th century, Martin Luther supposedly decorated a small Christmas tree with candles, to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night. **Story, Page 5.**

**96,000**

The number of active duty and reserve Navy members enrolled in Thrift Savings Plans worldwide. More than 7,500 have joined since Oct. 15.



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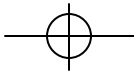
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## Bravo zulu



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**REUPPING ON ICE — Senior Chief Electrician's Mate Mark McCutcheon, left, and Boatswain's Mate Second Class Daniel Gallagher, both assigned to the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport Port Operations Department, raise their hands and re-up for two more years of service as Capt. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA Newport , gives the reenlistment oath. Gallagher's wife, Denise, looks on. The reenlistment ceremony took place at the Born Skating Center at the Newport Yachting Center last week where all reenlistment guests enjoyed two hours of ice skating after the ceremony.**

## 200 division officers graduated

**By LT. GARY ROSS**  
SWOSDOC Public Affairs Officer

Graduation ceremonies will be held today at 9 a.m. for 200 junior officers completing the Division Officer Course at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOL-COM).

Rear Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, President of the Naval War College (NWC), will be the guest speaker for Division Officer Course 151 in Spruance Auditorium at NWC. Also attending will be Capt. David A. LaBarbera, Director, Division Officer Training Department.

The mission of SWOSCOL-COM is to provide a continuum of professional education and training in support of the Surface Navy and to prepare officers to serve at sea. During the 16-week course, the junior officers achieved the basic knowledge required to serve as a division officer on board ship. The curriculum covered: tactics and weapons, maintenance, administration and counseling, operations, and maritime theory. The students also attended the Basic Officer Leadership Course as part of the leadership continuum and received six weeks of specialized engineering training.

The graduates will now attend specialty training to pre-

pare them for their assigned ships.

The graduates and their ultimate assignments are:

Ensign Travis J. Amrine, USS Peleliu (LHA 5)  
Ensign Adriana Arismendi, USS Lake Champlain (CG 57)  
Lt. j.g. Isaiah H. Arzate, USS Heron (MHC 52)  
Ensign Brigitte M. Aungier, USS Spruance (DD 963)  
Ensign Frank J. Azzarello, USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44)  
Ensign Gregory P. Ball, PCU Chafee (DDG 90)  
Ensign Kathryn M. Ball, USS O'Bannon (DD 987)  
Ensign Kenneth J. Barnhart, USS Ashland (LSD 48)  
Ensign John T. Bartocci, USS Lassen (DDG 82)  
Ensign Tommy D. Baskin, USS Bulkeley (DDG 84)  
Ensign Jonathan B. Bass, USS O'Brien (DD 975)  
Ensign Guy M. Batchelder, USS Bataan (LHD 5)  
Ensign Charles H. Becker, USS Elliot (DD 967)  
Ensign Kristy L. Bell, USS Carter Hall (LSD 50)  
Ensign Brion W. Bennett, USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)  
Ensign Michael T. Betsch, USS Curts (FFG 38)  
Ensign Charlotte J. Birchfield, USS Boxer (LHD 4)  
Ensign Jason B. Blackmon, USS Porter (DDG 78)  
Ensign Travis Z. Bode, USS Valley Forge (CG 50)  
Ensign Eric M. Boone, USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79)  
Ensign Peter A. Bosler, USS Shoup (DDG 86)  
Lt. j.g. Rebecca E. Bowen, USS Gonzalez (DDG 66)  
Ensign Ethel S. Bradley, USS Vincennes (CG 49)  
Ensign Perry L. Branch, USS Falcon

(MHC 59)  
Ensign James L. Brawley, USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54)  
Ensign Kristopher M. Brazil, USS Coronado (AGF 11)  
Ensign Edgar R. Britt, USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7)  
Ensign Micah W. Brooks, USS Thomas S. Gates (CG 51)  
Ensign Christopher S. Broome, USS Princeton (CG 59)  
Ensign Jermaine B. Brooms, USS Gonzalez (DDG 66)  
Ensign Amber N. Bryant, USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58)  
Ensign William S. Buford, USS Lake Erie (CG 70)  
Ensign John C. Cabigon, USS Cowpens (CG 63)  
Ensign Alexander T. Campbell, USS Nashville (LPD 13)  
Ensign Christopher L. Carrizales, USS Simpson (FFG 56)  
Ensign Aushion R. Chatman, USS Camden (AOE 2)  
Ensign Brett N. Cline, USS Stout (DDG 55)  
Ensign Gavin H. Clough, USS McFaul (DDG 74)  
Ensign Noelle J. Cormier, USS Germantown (LSD 42)  
Ensign Christopher W. Cortez, USS Russell (DDG 59)  
Ensign Matthew E. Curnen, USS Howard (DDG 83)  
Ensign Brian W. Daniel, USS McFaul (DDG 74)  
Ensign Robert E. Danielson, USS Mitscher (DDG 57)  
Ensign Zeak R. Davenport, USS Normandy (CG 60)  
Ensign Leah N. Demberger, USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6)  
Ensign Rebecca A. Dewell, USS Port Royal (CG 73)  
Ensign James A. Diazbarriga, USS Princeton (CG 59)  
Ensign Paul J. Dipietra, USS Ramage (DDG 61)  
Ensign Lea E. Dooley, USS Boxer (LHD 4)  
Ensign Terrence S. Doyle, USS Anti-

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### Certificate of Commendation

Lt. Hattie Tapps, from Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

### Citation

HN Stephanie M. Medina, from Commander, Navy Region Northeast, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002. Medina was selected Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Second Quarter 2002.

HN2 Ronald P. Cheslock, from Commander, Navy Region Northeast, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002. Cheslock was selected Sailor of the Quarter, Second Quarter 2002.

### Navy & Marine Corps Achievement

HM3 Martwaun D. Coleman, from Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy, for the Secretary of the Navy, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

HM3 Julian Torres, Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport Family Practice Clinic, from Commanding Officer, Naval Health Care New England, Nov. 20, 2002

### Length of Service

Ms. Madeline M. Halsey, from Medical Records, NACC Newport, 15 years, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

Frederick Grant, NAVSTA Newport Public Works Department, 15 Years, Dec. 2, 2002



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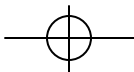
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**VOLUNTEERS** at the Chapel of Hope sort nonperishables donated to the annual holiday food basket program across Naval Station Newport. Food was collected for Thanksgiving, and repeated for designated Navy, Coast Guard Marine Corps families at Christmas. Fifty-one baskets were packed this week.

## Keeping the Faith

# Christmas without decorations?

By **CHAPLAIN C. PICKETT**  
NETC Command Chaplain

As we drive and walk around the base and our neighborhoods at this time of the year, can you imagine the Christmas season without Christmas trees, lights and decorations? In our homes, in our yards, everywhere we see lights and decorated trees.

But it hasn't always been that way. In fact, the early church didn't celebrate Christmas itself until at least 300 years after Jesus was born.

In the fourth century, the church decided to try to redeem a Roman pagan winter solstice festival called Saturnalia. This December holiday was considered the "birthday of the unconquered sun."

Romans danced in the streets with gifts under their arms and greenery atop their heads. Biblical evidence points to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth taking place in the fall near the Jewish feast of Tabernacles or in the spring around the time of Passover. The Church in Rome, unable to stamp out the pagan festival of Saturnalia, spiritualized it as the "Feast of the Nativity of the

Sun of Righteousness" sometime before 336 AD.

Dec. 25 was chosen for the celebration of Jesus' birth by Pope Julius I. The Christian church in Antioch adopted the practice around 374. By 380 it was being observed in Constantinople, and by 430 in Alexandria. (The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church, p. 223.)

Germanic tribes of Northern Europe also celebrated mid-winter with feasting, drinking, religious rituals and the lighting of the Yule log. Firelight represented the light of Christ. Gift giving was linked to the presents of the wise men. And trees were decorated with apples associated with the biblical Garden of Eden.

The first record of the Christmas tree (as we know it) dates back to Riga in Latvia, in 1510. In the last quarter of the 16th century, Martin Luther is said to have decorated a small Christmas tree with candles, to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night.

Decorated trees became very popular during the German Yuletide. In 1841, Queen Victoria of England married

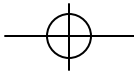
Prince Albert of Germany. Albert brought the Christmas tree custom to England and hence, to the English speaking world. Many citizens were eager to embrace the traditions of the English royalty.

In the United States, the Christmas tree was initially not well accepted by the northern half of America, where many frowned upon the pagan roots of the tree custom. However, in the South, the tradition was readily adapted into their homes, decorating a tree on Christmas Eve and celebrating the 12 days of Christmas.

Today, the popularity of the Christmas tree continues around much of the world. (Holly, Reindeer, and Colored Lights by Edna Barth.)

Although it was never celebrated in the early days of the church, Christmas is celebrated today to celebrate Jesus' birth as God's Son. With all the decorations and activity of this time of year, we can get distracted and lose the real "reason for the season," as they say.

Take the time to celebrate with family and friends, and remember our many blessings.



## Special events

### Navy Band concert on cable TV

The Naval Media Center in Washington will broadcast the annual United States Navy Band Holiday Concert, Sunday, Dec. 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13.

The concert, titled Happy Holidays, will be cablecast live from DAR Constitution Hall.

The 90-minute broadcast will feature a wide variety of traditional and contemporary holiday music for the whole family.

### Christmas services at chapel

Christmas worship services at Naval Station Newport Chapel of Hope are as follow:

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**

Catholic mass — 5 p.m.

Protestant service — 6:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25**

Catholic Mass — 9 a.m.

The Chapel of Hope will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 26. The duty chaplain can be reached via the Naval Station command duty officer (CDO), 841-3456.

## Announcements

### Food service worker needed

Coddington Cove Preschool, a NAEYC accredited preschool for 3, 4 and 5-year olds, is seeking a food service worker to help deliver prepared food to classrooms. Responsibilities include setting up carts with needed supplies, delivering the food and cleaning up after meals, as well as maintaining a regularly inspected kitchen and all required documentation.

For more information, contact the preschool at 841-2080.


### FFSC to close Dec. 31

Due to the New Year's holiday, the Fleet and Family Support Center, Building 1260, will be closed at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31. If case of emergency, please contact the Naval Station Newport Quarterdeck at 841-3456.

### Thrift Shop closed until 2003

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Thrift Shop will re-open on Jan. 7, 2003. The staff will not be on hand to accept and process any donations during this period.

## Newport County YMCA



**YMCA**

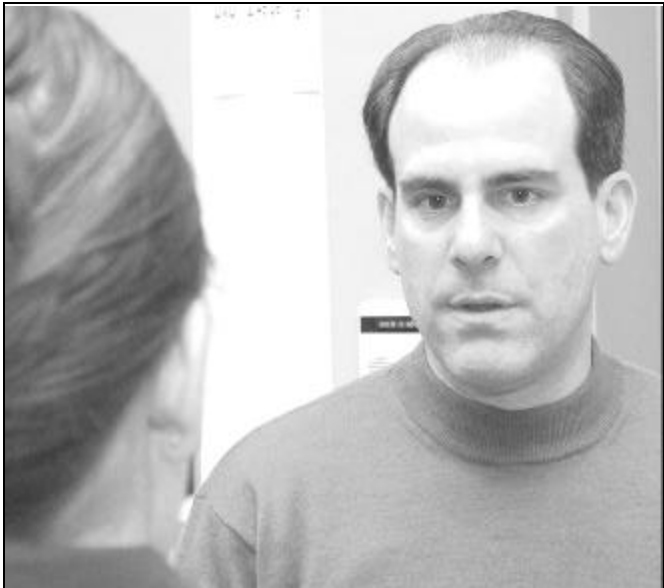
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Email: [info@newportymca.org](mailto:info@newportymca.org)

## Quick take



**Name:** Robin Joseph

**Title:** General Manager, Navy Exchange, Newport

**Hometown:** Philadelphia, Pa.

**Most memorable career event:** While serving on USS Fife (DD 991) in 1983, we were bumped a Russian ship. It caused an international incident.

**Most memorable life event:** Receiving my commission in the Navy.

**Favorite duty station:** Naval Air Station Bermuda.

**Role Model(s):** Mainly my father.

**Free time activities:** Weight lifting, running, boating, watching football.

**Favorite book:** Enjoy reading *Travis Magee* novels by John D. MacDonald.

**Favorite movie:** All comedies.

**Favorite TV show:** *Friends*.

**Favorite sport:** Hockey.

**Favorite professional sports team:** Philadelphia Eagles.

**Secret to success:** Dedication, perseverance and honesty.

**Favorite local restaurant:** Coddington Brewing Co.

**Something I've always wanted to do or be:** Owner/operator of a marina (in a warm climate).

**Pet Peeve:** Corporate politics.

**Long-term goal in life:** Leisurely sail the entire intra-coastal with my wife, Francine.

**If you could, what one thing would you add to NAVSTA Newport:** Year-round warm weather.

## Auto Skills Shop

### Maintain your vehicle, and cruise into winter

Are your windshield wipers leaving streaks on your window? Do all your directional lights work properly? Maintenance on these items is often overlooked, but they are important to the safe operation of your car.

Visit the Auto Skills Shop, Building 304, and have your vehicles systems inspected today. The automotive professionals can check your windshield wipers, headlights, brake lights and directionals to ensure they are working correctly.

The retail shop can order any parts you need to keep your vehicle in tip-top shape. Remember, neglected car maintenance wastes money and could leave you stranded!

The Auto Skills Shop is open Tuesday through Friday (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 841-3026 for more information.

## What's going on

### Galley set for tasty Christmas

If you can't make it home for the holidays, you can still have all your traditional home-cooked favorites.

Ney Hall Galley is the closest thing to being there with everything from appetizer to dessert. The menu includes shrimp cocktail; horseradish sauce; carrot sticks; stuffed celery; seafood chowder; prime rib; baked ham; mashed sweet potatoes; long grain and wild rice; fresh asparagus; candied carrots; hot dinner rolls; pecan pie; pumpkin pie; cherry pie; apple pie; fruit flavored gelatin; vanilla pudding; and mixed nuts.

Cost for dinner is \$5.25 per person and will be served from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

#### TODAY, Dec. 20

- Armed Services YMCA:
  - Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
  - Commissary Focus Group 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Nantucket Basketweaving 9 a.m. to noon.
- Children's Holiday Party, 10 a.m. to noon
- Scrapbooking, 6 p.m. to midnight.

• Lunchtime BINGO, at the Recreation Center, Building 656. Noon to 1 p.m. Also Thursdays.

• Fitness Equipment Orientation, FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Also, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call 841-1474.

• Christmas at the Newport Mansions, decorated and open for the season, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 847-1000.

#### SATURDAY, Dec. 21

- Newport Dinner Train, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 841-8700.
- Holiday Tours of Inns and Bed and Breakfasts, 1 to 3 p.m., 847-7081.
- Holiday Evenings at the Breakers, 6 to 8 p.m., 847-1000.
- Victorian Christmas Feast, Astors' Beechwood Mansion, 7 p.m., 846-3772.
- Dec. 21 - 10th annual Swanhurst Chorus Messiah and Carol Sing, 7 p.m. Reception following performance. Emmanuel Church, Spring and Dearborn, Newport, 682-1630.

#### SUNDAY, Dec. 22

- Chapel of Hope worship services:
  - Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon
  - Protestant Services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Bowling, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.

#### MONDAY, Dec. 23

- Armed Services YMCA:
  - Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109.
- Intermediate Weight Training for Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., \$10 per person.

#### TUESDAY, Dec. 24

- Christmas Eve worship services, Catholic mass at 5 p.m.;

Protestant service at 6:30 p.m.

• Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109. \$5 for five weeks! Call 841-3154.

• Intermediate Weight Training for Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Gym 109. \$10 per person. Call 841-3154.

#### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25

• Christmas services, Chapel of Hope, Catholic Mass, 9 a.m.

• Christmas Dinner served at Ney Hall Galley, 3 to 5:30 p.m., \$5.25 per person. All hands are welcome.

#### THURSDAY, Dec. 26

• Victorian Christmas Tours, Astor's Beechwood Mansion, 846-3772.

#### Upcoming events:

• Dec. 31 - Opening Night 2003, 5 to 9 p.m., Newport. City-wide celebration of the arts with over 20 events featuring performing artists throughout Newport's historic and cultural districts, and a spectacular finish, 848-2400.

— First Night Providence 2003, 2 p.m. to midnight. Continuous gigantic, city-wide, family-oriented celebration of the arts. Call 521-1166, or visit [www.firstnightprovidence.org](http://www.firstnightprovidence.org).

• Jan. 1— New Year's Polar Bear Plunge, noon. Polar Bear Club members race to dip into the icy waters at Easton's Beach, Memorial Boulevard, Newport, 274-1728.

— Jamestown Penguin Plunge, noon, Mackerel Cove, Jamestown. 300 tuxedo clad swimmers take the frozen plunge in to the waters to raise money for charity, 823-7411.

— New Year's at the Zoo, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence. Admission is free throughout the day.

• Jan. 6 — Newport City curbside Christmas tree disposal collection through Jan. 17.

## Ticket Connection

### Tickets make great gifts!

Visit the Ticket Connection, Building 656, for a variety of gift items that will make your holiday shopping a cinch! Stop in today and purchase one or more of the following for the special people on your gift list:

Movie passes; \$6, Holiday or Opera House Theaters; \$5 for Jane Pickens Theater;

Providence Bruins Ticket vouchers, \$11.50, good for any regular season home game;

Wachusett Mountain lift tickets, \$42, save \$2 weekends and holidays; \$4 weekdays;

Mount Sunapee ski trip Feb. 1, 2003, \$49 includes transportation and lift ticket;

Providence Performing Arts Center, Sunday matinees:

*Miss Saigon*, \$54, Jan. 12, 2003; *Phantom of the Opera*, \$65, March 2, 2003

For more information, visit the office or call 841-3116.

### Miss Saigon tickets

The Ticket Connection in Building 656 has a limited number of tickets available for the matinee performance of the Broadway musical, *Miss Saigon* on Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$54 each and seating is in the orchestra section. This may be your last chance to see this

poignant musical about two lovers torn apart by destiny. These tickets will make fantastic Christmas gifts! For more information, call 841-3116.

### Hit the slopes Feb. 1

Now is the time to sign up for the Ticket Connection's annual ski trip on Saturday, Feb. 1!

This year, the bus heads to New Hampshire's Mt. Sunapee, featuring nine lifts and 60 trails covering over 220 acres.

Cost is \$49 per person including round-trip transportation and an all-day lift ticket. Departure time is 5 a.m. and we will return at approximately 8 p.m. Call 841-3116 for more information.

### Monster trucks return

Ford Trucks will present the U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam, racing hard and crushing cars like you've never seen before, at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I.

The MWR Ticket Connection at Building 656 has discounted tickets for the 8 p.m. performance on Friday, Jan. 24, 2003.

The tickets would make a great stocking stuffer for the fan in your family! Tickets are priced at only \$12.50 (\$20 at the door) and must be purchased by Jan. 3. For more information, call 841-3116.

## Officers' Club

**(Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)**

The Officers' Club is secured for the holidays and renovations. Topside Pub will reopen on Monday, Jan. 6. Due to extensive kitchen renovations, the first deck of the club will remain closed until Mon-

## NAVSTA dining

day, March 10. Thank you for your patronage and Happy Holidays from the management and staff of the Officers' Club. We look forward to serving you in a newly renovated facility in 2003.

## Enlisted Lounges

**(Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)**

**Today:** Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New England-style clam chowder. Lunch is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are always welcome. Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery.

Also, enjoy complimentary

## Fleet and Family Support Center

# Learn to compile effective resume

A resume is one of the most important tools when looking for a job. Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and learn how to prepare an effective resume that will get you an interview. This workshop will cover what to include on your resume, which format to use, and other resume writing tips.

For more information or to register, call 841-2283.

**Mutual Funds**—Bring your lunch to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to learn about mutual funds. A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will tell you what a mutual fund is, how your money is invested, about regulations, types of funds, and more..

Reservations are required.

unlimited use of the pool tables from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Tonight:** Unwind after work at the Recreation Center with a complimentary hors d'oeuvres buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. Or, enjoy a delicious fish and chips dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. for just \$4.75. Fish and chips are available for take out; no home delivery.

So, tell your friends and get ready to kick off the weekend at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 841-3054.

**Saturday:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.,  
Pub menu available from 1 to  
9 p.m.

The Recreation Center will secure at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 for a private holiday party. Normal hours of operation will resume at noon on Sunday, Dec. 8.

**Sunday:** Noon to 8 p.m., Pub menu available until one hour before closing.

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**Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to find out how to be well informed. Call 841-2283 to register.**

**Checkbook Balancing**—A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will provide you with the “ins and outs” of checkbook balancing at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 841-2283..

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**Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery.**

Monday is "Pile your Plate" with Pasta night, 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy pasta, marinara sauce, meatballs, sausage, salad and more! Just \$4 per person.

Tuesday is "Taco Night," 5

**to 8 p.m. Create your perfect taco using all your favorite ingredients for just \$1 each!**

**Weekly Pool Tournaments:** If you love the friendly competition of a pool tournament, the Recreation Center is the place for you, every Tuesday night! It's the only place you can enter a winner-take-all.

**double-elimination tournament for just \$5!**

The tournaments are open to active duty, retired, reservist and DoD civilian personnel, age 18 or older and will take place beginning at 7 p.m. in the EM Club at the Recreation Center.



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# Navy Newport decks the halls (and yards, too)

By JOY CHRISTMAS  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

With unified efforts throughout the command, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport is all decked out for the holiday season.

The lighting of the NAVSTA Command Holiday Tree on Nov. 25 on Dewey Field, with festive music, refreshments and a visit from Santa, kicked off the season. A nearby sleigh is filled with candy canes, wrapped packages and other goodies.

Outside NAVSTA Headquarters, Building 690, an evergreen and antique western wagon with festive greens and poinsettia swags sparkle with white lights.

Inside, an 18-foot tree trimmed with white lights and gold and red ornament and bows fill the atrium.

All gates to NAVSTA have wreaths and swags of greens, white lights and red ribbons.

Along the Narragansett Bay shoreline, a pole is draped with white lights at Bishop's Rock on Coddington Point; a Rhodes 19 sailboat is decorated at the Helicopter Pad opposite the NAVSTA Marina; and a second 27-foot pole with white lights illuminates Dewey Field — all visible from the Claiborne Pell (Newport) Bridge.

CANDY CANES and reindeer grace the lawn at 419 Warley St., Melville Housing, quarters of Ens. Jonathan Brouillette.



**SIGN POST** outside 175 Mayflower Drive, quarters of Staff Sgt. Tina Minor-Moss, points the way to the North Pole and sleigh rides.

In the housing areas, residents are invited to compete in the second annual NAVSTA Housing Exterior Holiday Decorating Contest. Capt. Ruth Cooper, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA, was out late Thursday evening to select the winners in each of the housing complexes.

The winners will select a tree to be planted on Arbor Day next year.

Staff Sgt. Tina Minor-Moss of Mayflower Drive, Greene Lane Housing, said decorating has always been a big part of her family's holidays.

"This is our first year here," she said. "My 6-year-old daughter really gets excited about the holiday and we would have done it regardless of the contest. The contest just adds another fun holiday activity for us."

A separate Holiday "Door" Decorating Contest sponsored by the NAVSTA Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department is underway. Residents may submit a color photograph of their front door via U.S. Mail or e-mail.

All entries, along with name, address, command, and home and work telephone numbers, must be

received by close of business on Jan. 6, 2003.

All photographs should be in color. Digital images should be no larger than 8 by 10 inches and in .jpg format.



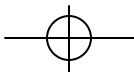
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**SANTA** pops out of a chimney with Rudolph nearby in this holiday display at 110 Mayflower Drive, quarters of Hospital Corpsman Third Class Raul Espinet.



**HUGE** snowman and grazing reindeer decorate the lawn at 129 Lawrence St., Anchorage housing. Decorations were done by Operations Specialist First Class Jeremie Zeller of the Surface Warfare Officers School, and his wife, Victoria.







# NAPS five struggles, faces St. Thomas More

The Naval Academy Prep School basketball team, at 4-6 after the Thanksgiving break, traveled to Wolfeboro, N.H., last Saturday to play in the Brewster Academy tournament.

They faced New Hampton Prep, currently ranked No. 7 in the country among prep schools. Depending on the outcome, they would play either Proctor Academy or No. 12 Brewster on Sunday.

On Dec. 18, the team traveled to St. Thomas More.

The next home game for the Rams will be against No. 2 ranked Bridgton Academy from North Bridgton, Maine, on Jan. 8 in Gym 302.

After Thanksgiving, the Rams hosted Bunker Hill Junior College from Boston and rolled to their first home victory, 77-49.

Midshipman Candidate Carlton Baldwin led the Rams with 14 points and nine rebounds in only 12 minutes of play. He shot five-for-nine from the field and was a perfect four-for-four from the charity

stripe. Also in double figures were M/Cs Giovanni Roldan and Michael Brandon with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Roldan also pulled down a solid 8 rebounds, including six on the offensive end.

After improving to 4-4 after the Bunker Hill win, NAPS hosted Notre Dame Prep School from Fitchburg, Mass., on Dec. 5. It is the No. 6 ranked prep school in the country.

The Rams got off to a great first half start led by Baldwin's 10 first half points. After a 12-9 deficit with 14:00 in the first half, the Notre Dame went on a 14-0 run to crush the NAPsters confidence for the night.

The Rams committed a dismal 34 turnovers to give the Notre Dame team the advantage. The Rams were led by Baldwin's 12 points. Point guard David Rhoiney added 11 points including two-for-two from three point range.

On Dec. 9, the Rams traveled to Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass. The Rams came out flat and trailed 44-31, at the half. Behind the play of

reserves Tim Henderson, Ryan Schwarz, Thomas Knapp and Jared Muse the team closed the gap to one point with under two minutes to play only to fall victim to Dean's athletic of-

fense, 77-71.

"We couldn't stop our men off the dribble tonight," said Head Coach Dave Sladky. "You can't win games if you can't stop your man from dri-

ving to the bucket!" High scorers for the Rams were Michael Brandon (14), Russell Wooten (12), Jared Muse (12), Calvin White (11) and Thomas Knapp (10).

## Sports



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## Leisure

### Swimming (Pool 307, 841-6628)

**Swimming lessons begin Jan. 6 at pool 307.**

Pool 307 offers swimming lessons for swimmers of all experience levels. Lessons, which cover elementary swimming skills and basic water safety are available to children as young as six months of age.

Lessons will take place Jan. 6 through March 1, 2003, and cost just \$40 for eight sessions. Registration is underway.

Lessons are available Monday through Saturday, making it easy to fit them into your schedule! Register at Pool 307 or call Jeff Cornell at 841-6628 for more information.

### Bowling

**(Building 656, 841-4293)**

Seaview Bowling Lanes, invites you and your family to stop in during the Christmas school vacation and enjoy an afternoon or evening of bowling.

The bowling center will be open throughout the week be-

ginning at 1 p.m. so, don't sit around during school vacation week — get out and have some fun!

### Special fitness programs

**(Gym 109, 841-3154)**

The adult Intramural Basketball League is scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 6, and is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and DoD civilians ages 18 and over. Registration will be accepted Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gym 109 until Friday, Jan. 31.

The league is divided into age categories for players 18 and over and 35 and over, and games are played Monday through Friday evenings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on courts one and three.

There is a \$15 fee for DoD civilians and teams are limited to four DoD participants.

The season runs through March 14.

For more information, call Jim Gauch at 841-7196.

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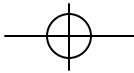
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# Navy Newport 2002

The following 11 pages offer a flashback in photos and articles of events that defined Navy Newport in the year 2002.



AFTER long contract delays, the Newport Navy Lodge had its grand opening this month, offering 50 rooms to authorized military and reserve personnel, and retirees.



THE DESTROYERS USS Ross, left, and USS Ramage arrive at Pier 2 in August for the highlight of the Surface Navy Association's observance of the Destroyer Centennial. Other visiting ships included the USS Peterson and USS Toronado.



NAVAL STATION NEWPORT'S first summer concert of the season, June 28, was a washout. But the crowds returned the next night for a 'Star Spangled Spectacular' on Dewey Field, Coasters' Harbor Island.



SEABEES BUSY — Reservists with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 fulfilled their two-week active duty obligation with projects at Naval Station Newport, including installing new insulated guard shacks.



SEVEN MARINES fire a 21-gun salute as part of Naval Station Newport's first anniversary observance last September on Patriot Day at Capt. Howard N. Kay Hall, remembering lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

Ron Fontaine  
and PHC (AW) Jon Hockersmith/  
U.S. Navy photos



## Navy Newport 2002

# War College gets leading role in war on terrorism

By LT. DAVID AUSIELLO  
with LT. J.G. P. FEHRING  
NWC Public Affairs Staff

This was a year of preparation, cooperation and reflection as the Naval War College continued to make profound strides in education and research while helping fight the global war on terrorism.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark used the Current Strategy Forum in June to launch his vision for the future Navy. According to Clark, at the heart of the "Seapower 21" are three concepts: Sea Strike—the projection of offensive power; Sea Shield—the projection of defensive power; and Sea Basing—the projection of sovereignty to team with and provide enhanced support for joint forces afloat and ashore.

"To prepare for the wide array of threats facing us, we must organize ourselves around a clear, concise, and powerful vision of what the Navy will provide our nation in the decades ahead," he said.

"This vision must build on U.S. strengths — our asymmetric advantages — such as information superiority, sea control, mobility, stealth, reach, precision, and firepower."

As the NWC continues to educate tomorrow's leaders it constantly strives to stay on the cutting edge of national security issues. The faculty have participated in conferences and symposiums around the world. U.S. and international students continue to give each academic department very high marks for relevancy and currency of the curriculum.

"Our faculty carefully examined, and updated new curriculum on security issues facing the United States and our allies," said Navy Capt. Caradean Brown, Executive Assistant, Strategy and Policy De-

partment. "In our course studies, we are emphasizing the links to current military issues."

In January, renowned author and New York Times correspondent Judith Miller told a standing-room only crowd that "biological weapons represent a clear and present danger to our country" and that she expects a "second strike" of biological weapons to follow the anthrax attacks against the U.S.

Miller's lecture came on the heels of retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who predicted Iraq's failure to cooperate with international diplomacy will lead to U.S. backed military ac-



**SOLEMN TRIBUTE** — Rear Adm. Rempt, right, looks on as the Patriots Memorial, a tribute to 10 NWC students and alumni killed at the Pentagon, is unveiled in ceremonies last September.

tion.

"By the fall of 2002, the U.S. will be heavily engaged in international dialogue and a national debate that will lead inexorably to the deployment of military power against the Iraqis," said McCaffrey. "Iraq is a recipe for a regional and global disaster of enormous proportions."

The impressive dialogue continued in March as Geoffrey Kemp, Director of Regional Strategic Programs at the Nixon Center in Washington D.C., told students to "fasten their seatbelts and prepare for a bumpy ride" as the U.S. looks at various strategic options in

the Greater Middle East.

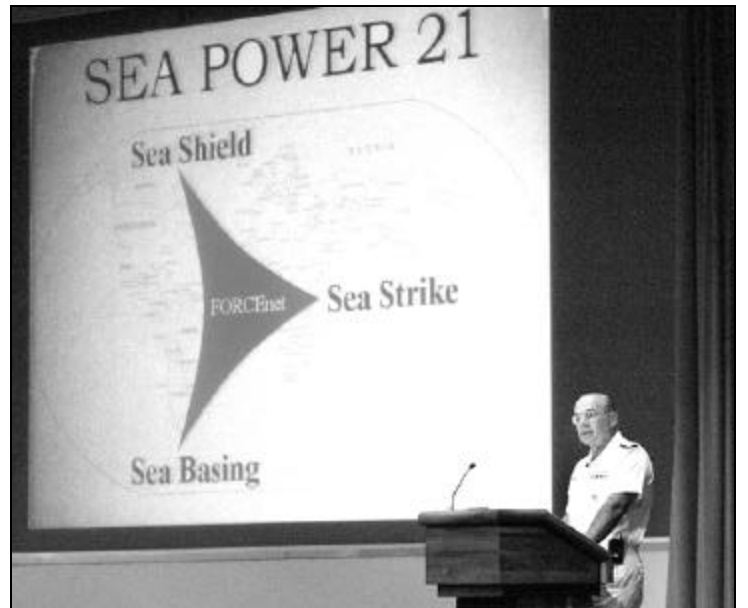
Also in March, Adm. William J. Fallon, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, addressed the first graduates to "build on the experiences they learned" at the Naval War College. "There is plenty of action out there for everyone," said Fallon.

In June, Mr. Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy, reflected on America's new war on terrorism and remarked that this was a different war from any that we've faced before. The end of this war, he said, "... is probably not going to be a peace treaty sitting on the deck of a ship." Instead, he framed the solution in chang-



PHC (AW) Jon Hockersmith/U.S. Navy photos

**UNITED FRONT** — Rear Adm. Rodney Rempt, President of the Naval War College, leads a press conference in McCarty-Little Hall following Exercise HOPE to prepare the state for terrorism response. Attending were U.S. Reps. James Langevin, D-R.I., left, and Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., plus other Rhode Island state officials.



**A LOOK INTO FUTURE** — Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark outlines the Seapower 21 concept at the Current Strategy Forum last June.

ing our strategy and challenged the audience to think of the ways we need to change our infrastructure. "What is it going to take to win this war? What are the technologies to win the war on terror?"

Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) told the June graduates, "the nation needs your leadership." College President, Rear Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, echoed the senator's comments.

"A number of you will have the opportunity to use what you have learned immediate-

ly," said Rempt. As you leave Newport, you enter a world at war against terrorism. You will find that your services, your nations, and your fellow officers will now look to you, as a graduate of this War College for enlightened leadership."

Rempt also pointed out a first in the college's history. Of the 307 students from the College of Distance Education who completed the Naval War College core curriculum, 17

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## Newport Navy 2002

# NUWC Division recognized for achievement

By GARY STEIGERWALD

NUWC Division Newport PAO

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport, known throughout the world as a leader in undersea warfare systems and technology, continued its winning ways, with the command and numerous individuals being recognized for achievements during 2002.

Division honors included: "Top 100 Companies" by Training Magazine; Honorable Mention of the Division's Chafee Auditorium by Presentations Magazine; HUBZone Award from the Small Business Administration, and the Secretary of the Navy Safety Ashore Award.

Staff members received national and international recognition. Dr. Yvonne Masakowski was presented the Czech Republic Cross of Merit. Michelle Burgess was named national winner in the Ace Hardware Hometown Hero contest, and Fred Cancelliere received the NDIA Bronze Medal. Employees figured prominently at this year's University of Rhode Island Alumni Association Awards night as seven NUWC employees were honored. In addition, Dr. John Short and Craig Habingreither were honored as Rhode Island Federal Employees of the Year.

The Division's efforts at being a good environmental steward paid off as the Environmental Division received several awards including the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Award in the category of Natural Resources Conservation, the prestigious White House Closing the Circle Award, and the Naval Sea Systems Command Environmental Award.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium honored Michael Duarte and Jim Kasischke for their efforts in transferring Navy-developed digital image enhancement technology to the private sector.

Expanding on its teaming philosophy, the Division announced two new efforts this year: the establishment of a Chair in Undersea Warfare/Director Undersea Warfare Research Center at the Naval Postgraduate School, and an Education Partnership with the University of Texas at Austin for the development of nanotechnology for naval uses.

2002 marked a year of many personnel changes. Earlier in the year Capt. John Mickey relieved Capt. Patrick Bloomfield as Commander of NUWC Newport Division. In the fall Richard Bonin was named NUWC Technical Director, and just recently the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark announced the assignment of Rear Adm. (select) William G. Timme as Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare, Naval Sea Systems Command, SEA-07, and Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

Among the many NUWC hosted visitors and meetings this year were Adm. Clark, Rep. Patrick Kennedy, (D-R.I.), Rep. John Murtha, (D-Pa.), professional staff members of both the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, the CNO Operations Study Group, Submarine Force Future Studies Group, Naval Research Advisory Committee, Torpedo Advanced Tactics Working Group, and naval representatives from Norway, United Kingdom, Australia, Israel, France and Singapore.



**CARRY-ON** — Rear Adm. John D. Butler, left, Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, salutes the new NUWC Newport Division commander, Capt. John C. Mickey, while Capt. Patrick M. Bloomfield, outgoing division commander, looks on, last Aug. 28.



**STAR POWER**— More than 500 children and sponsors took advantage of NUWC's Bring a Child to Work Day to view over 30 demonstrations. The Scientific Dive Team gave the children live demonstrations at Pier Two, and hauled up examples of marine life in Narragansett Bay.



**JOSEPH** Monti, center, head of NUWC's Surface Undersea Warfare New Initiative Development Office, describes the unmanned surface vehicle Spartan, to the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, while Capt. John Mickey, Commander NUWC Division, looks on.



**A TEAM** of designers from Aquidneck Elementary School in Middletown prepare their miniature robot at the NUWC-hosted Rhode Island Robotics Competition last March. Twenty-seven teams from Rhode Island and Massachusetts participated in the regional challenge. Middletown High School and NUWC also teamed up again for the 2002 FIRST Robotics Competition in New York, Connecticut and Florida in March and April.

## Newport Navy 2002

# New construction to help consolidate SWOS training here

By YNC G. DOHERTY  
SWOSCOLCOM Public Affairs Officer

The Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM) will see its campus skyline change next year as construction continues on the new Applied Instruction Building behind Weakley and Arleigh Burke Halls.

Ground-breaking for the \$13.4 million three story building was held last August and was the highlight for the surface warfare command for 2002.

The Applied Instruction Building will allow SWOSCOLCOM to consolidate the Division Officer School with the command on Coasters' Harbor Island. The school is currently housed in Callaghan Hall on Coddington Point.

Funding for the building was included in the \$10.5 billion Military Construction Appropriations Act for fiscal 2002. The bill passed the House and Senate in the fall of 2001.

Several staff instructors at SWOS were chosen for command at sea last summer. The Prospective Commanding Officers (PCO) Course provides in-depth and structured command at sea training to officers chosen to command a naval vessel.

Cmdrs. Matthew Beaver, Dale Fuller, Rick Williamson, Roy Kitchener, Ricky Williamson, and Kevin Flanagan became students again. Instead of being behind the podium, they went to the receiving side, gaining the knowledge required to become effective Commanding Officers of naval ships.

Twenty-three new chief petty officers, including several from SWOSCOLCOM, were pinned in ceremonies Sept. 14 at Weakley Hall. Chief Yeoman Debra Bell of Naval War College performed as Master of Ceremonies. Chief Navy Counselor (AW) Martha Lara of SWOS recited the Sailor's

Creed.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held for the new chiefs and their families at Duffy's lounge.

Last September, the seventh annual Special Olympics Rhode Island Sailing Regatta was held at the Naval Station Marina.

Capt. Ronald Brinkley, Commanding Officer for SWOSCOLCOM, led opening and closing ceremonies.

The Navy Sailing Center provided boats for the race, and the athletes represented racing teams from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Virginia.

The year-long Destroyer Centennial observance concluded with a Destroyermen's Commemorative Service on Nov. 24 at the Chapel of Hope, Naval Station Newport.

The observance began with speeches by Capt. Brinkley and retired Vice Adm. Thomas Weschler aboard the decommissioned destroyer Kennedy at Battleship Cove, Fall River, last January, and included three visiting destroyers to Pier Two last August.

Capt. Brinkley welcomed surface warfare flag officers to the working luncheon Dec. 2, part of their conference at SWOSCOLCOM and the Naval War College.

The flag officers shared their lunch hours to speak with junior and senior surface warfare officers on subjects including the Navy's role in the war on terrorism, junior officer retention, and the Navy in the 21st century and where it is going.

Several classrooms throughout SWOS were shared by one or two flag officers and an average of 10 to 15 surface warfare officer students. Boxed lunches were provided by the Naval War College. Students from Division Officer, Department Head, and Commanding Officer courses took parts.



**DIGGING IN** — Capt. Ronald Brinkley, far left, Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, plus other Navy officers, state officials and U.S. Congressmen and Senators, break ground last August for a new Division Officer School behind Weakley and Arleigh Burke Halls.



**RHODE ISLAND** Special Olympics Sailing Regatta in Narragansett Bay received support from SWOS last September.



**SQUARED AWAY** — Operations Specialist Second Class (SW) Richard Thomas was named Junior Sailor of the Quarter this year.



**THE VISITING** destroyers USS Ross, left, and USS Ramage, plus USS Peterson (not shown) helped SWOSCOLCOM celebrate the year-long Destroyer Centennial observance last August with crew competition, cookouts and ceremonies.

## Navy Newport 2002

# New challenges seen facing Navy medicine

By CYNTHIA FLEMING  
NACC Newport PAO

In 2002, the Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, Center, had a visit by the 34th Surgeon General; saw a change of office for the Command Master Chief, Naval Health Care New England; and participated in Newport's memorial ceremonies to mark the one-year anniversary of the terror-

Later in March, a change of office for Command Master Chief, Naval Health Care New England was held. Command Master Chief Brian McCarty relieved Command Master Chief Donald R. Bullard, who retired.

Hospitalman Adler Volmar, attached to the Naval Ambulatory Center Center, Newport, took first place at the Midwestern Judo Championships in Chicago on March 9.

Effective April 1, Naval Health Care New England requested and obtained Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations approval to be surveyed as one facility.

The facility will consist of Brunswick, Maine, Branch Medical Clinic; and Naval Ambulatory Care Centers at Portsmouth, N.H., Newport, and Groton, Conn.



Capt. Francis MacMahon, Commanding Officer, Naval Health Care New England, and Lt. Hattie Tappa cut the Navy Medical Corps birthday cake in March.

ist attacks on Sept. 11.

On Feb. 20, NACC observed African American Heritage Month on the theme, "The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in American's Defense."

Ceremonies were held at the Building 43 Command Conference Room with an ethnic African-American buffet table. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Danny Ray, the Executive Officer/Battalion Officer of the Naval Academy Preparatory School, was the guest speaker.

NACC Newport celebrated the 131st anniversary of the U.S. Navy Medical Corps on March 1 with a cake-cutting by Lt. Hattie M. Tapps, and Capt. Francis R. MacMahon, Commanding Officer, Naval Health Care New England.

Cmdr. Peter Peff presented a historical overview of the Medical Corps with photos and reading material.

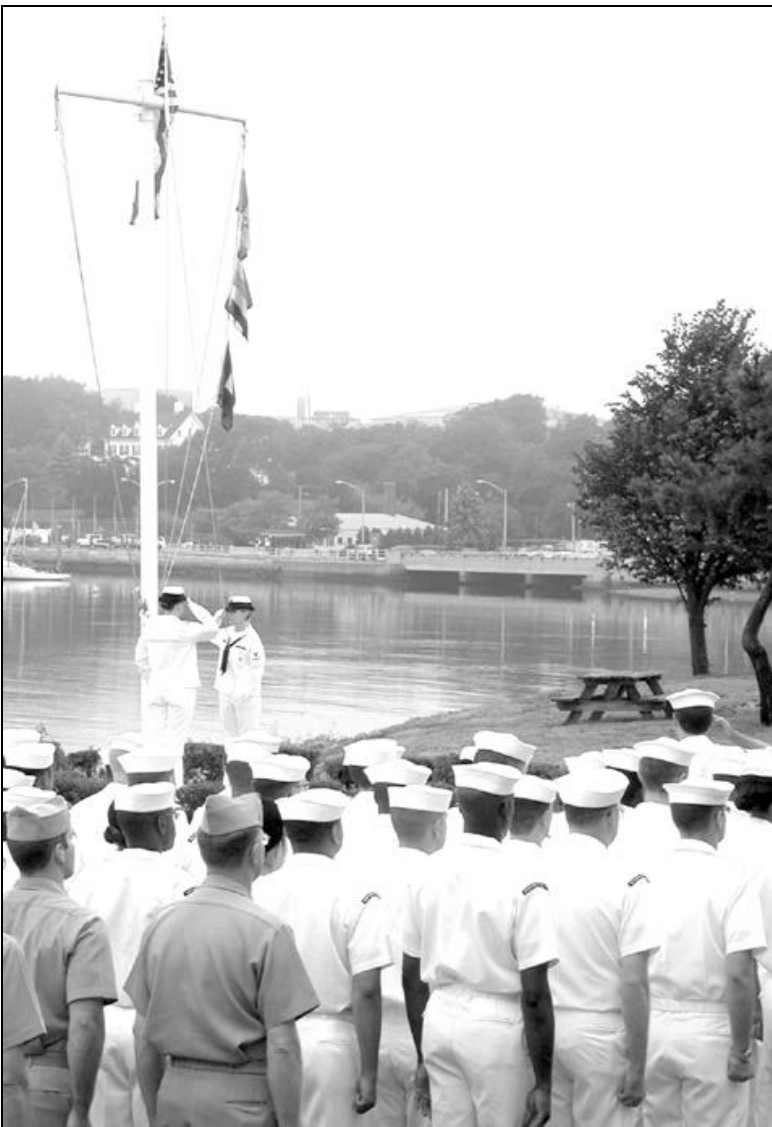
Naval Health Care New England in May participated in the Northeast Region annual hurricane exercise, "Hurrex 2002."

It was primarily a "tabletop" exercise, and its objective was to validate NHCNE Newport's current hurricane instruction and review resource sharing agreements with NAVSTA Newport and local agencies.

The 94th birthday of the Navy Nurse Corps was celebrated May 13.

Also in May, NACC Newport sponsored an Asian-Pacific Heritage Month celebration that included history, music, dance and ethnic food from the Pacific Rim. The theme of the celebration was "Unity in Freedom."

Last June, retired senior chief Tony Cercena, employed at NACC Newport, was awarded the Middletown Rotary Club 2001 Outstanding Citizen of the Year at a dinner at the



Main Stay Inn in Middletown.

The president of the Middletown Rotary Club presented Cercena with a photograph and letter of congratulations from retired Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, former Provost of the Naval War College.

The 104th anniversary of the Navy Hospital Corps was celebrated in June with a cake-cutting ceremony conducted by Master Chief Hospital Corpsmen John E. Parkhurst and Edward E. Elliott; and the most junior member, Hospitalman Apprentice Andrew L. Harmon.

Vice Adm. Michael L. Cowan, the 34th Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, visited the NACC on July 18 and led an all-hands call. He expressed his pride in Navy medicine and noted new challenges facing them.

Cowan was in Newport for the Officer Indoctrination

School (OIS) graduation. After Newport, the admiral traveled to the NACC Groton facility where he toured the medical facility and conducted another all hands call.

In August, the Medical Service Corps celebrated its 55th anniversary with a cake-cutting ceremony in Building 43 Command Conference Room.

The cake was cut by the senior MSC Officer, Capt. Andre M. Greedan, Deputy; and the junior MSC officer, Lt. j.g Patricia A. DePaez, the NHCNE legal representative.

In September changes were implemented in acute care access.

The CarePlus Clinic closed as a designed place of care, but it did not affect the number of appointments available to enrolled patient population.

Requests for acute care are now directed through the Nurse Triage lines at (401) 841-6177 for Active Duty, except

those who receive their care at King Hall.

All other patients should call 841-6180 for appointments. Acute Care appointments may also be obtained by calling the TRICARE Sierra Appointment line at 1-888-999-5195.

On Sept. 11, NACC Newport's honor guard led a candlelight procession from the Quaker Meeting House in Newport to the Colony House for a ceremony to mark the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

At Naval Station Newport the honor guard retired the colors at the conclusion of the Sept. 11 memorial ceremony Wednesday morning. The flag was one flown at the Pentagon during the attack.

Last Nov. 11, NACC hosted members of the Marine Corps Detachment to commemorate the 227th anniversary of the founding of the corps with a ceremonial cake-cutting.

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**Hospital Corpsman Third Class Sarah Yeager, right, and Hospitalman Stephanie Stock salute during first anniversary ceremonies of Sept. 11 at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center. All hands, civilian and military, mustered as an ensign that flew over the Pentagon on Aug. 15 is raised to half staff on Patriot Day.**

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## Navy Newport 2002

# Navy Prep hones future officers

By LT. JAMES HAMILTON  
NAPS Public Affairs Officer

The Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) last July welcomed 337 new officer candidates to the fourth oldest school in the Navy.

The 10-month program at NAPS focuses on study skills, math, physics, chemistry and English to prepare young men and women to enter one of the nation's three sea service academies (United States Naval, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine).

Since last summer only 20 midshipman candidates have disenrolled, one less than the Class of 2002. The Class of 2002 boasted the top attrition rate in NAPS history of 27 percent.

If the current 317 midshipman and cadet candidates continue on their road to success in 2003 we have a great opportunity to better last year's mark.

### Programs refined

During its 86-year history many changes have occurred concerning academics, military training, athletics and character development.

The school's Commanding Officer, Capt. Bruce Bole, will continue to evaluate the process of how NAPS conducts its business. Items consistently discussed within the military staff range from the indoctrination portion of training to when the students would eat, sleep and how they would be taught and disciplined.

The opportunity for the candidates to earn more liberty throughout the year is based on academic, military and fitness performance.

On the academic side of the school, Dean Steve Arendt worked closely with the Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Danny Ray and Capt. Bole to bring in nine talented instructors for the midshipmen candidates, both in and out of the classroom.

Hiring seasoned, experienced instructors and study skills tutors made a big difference in both instructor availability and student support.

### Artificial installed

NAPS will begin the new year with its first artificial turf athletic field rolled out on Nimitz Field on Codrington Point. The 140 by 70-yard playing surface will accommodate the school's football, soccer and lacrosse teams, plus be utilized for drills, pass-in reviews, command PT and other functions.

An eight-lane track will circle the perimeter.

The NAPS field and two others in Annapolis, Md., are being funded by the Naval Academy for \$2.5 million.

### Athletics impressive

NAPS' fall athletic program, involving soccer, football, and volleyball, was one of the most successful ever.

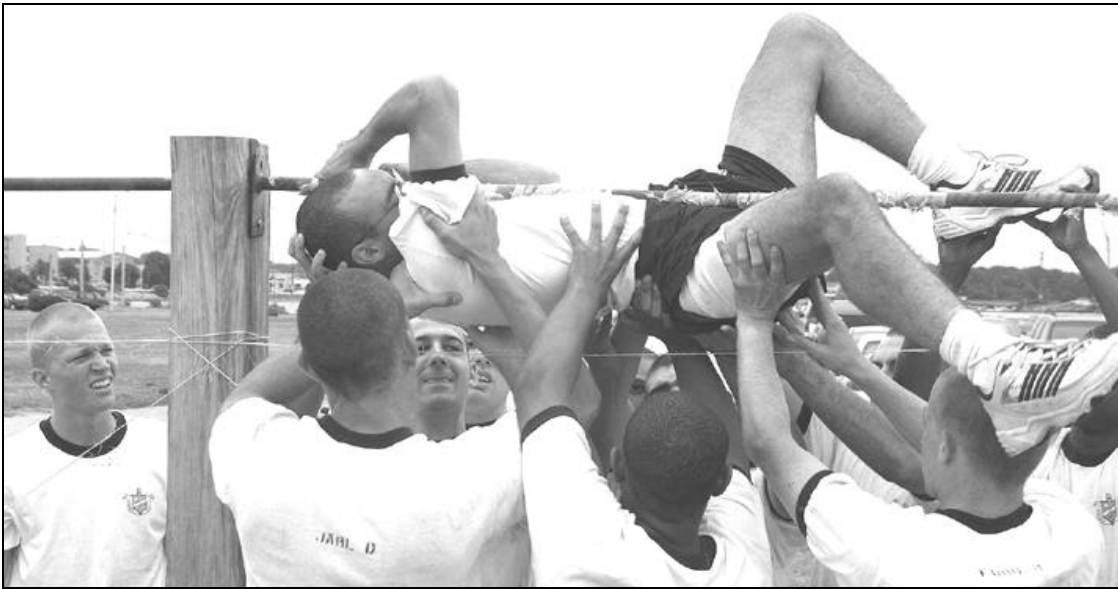
The coed soccer team went undefeated at 10-0-1; the women's volleyball team ran up a 10-1 record; and the football team posted a 8-2 season.

For volleyball, it was a new school record for most wins. The soccer team's record was the best recorded by any NAPS soccer team since 1996, and the best record among NAPS fall athletic teams.

The NAPS football team capped its second best finish ever.

The basketball season is well underway, and NAPS is looking forward to meeting the Military Academy Prep School on Feb. 15 at Gym 302. On April 12, the two schools meet again in track and lacrosse.

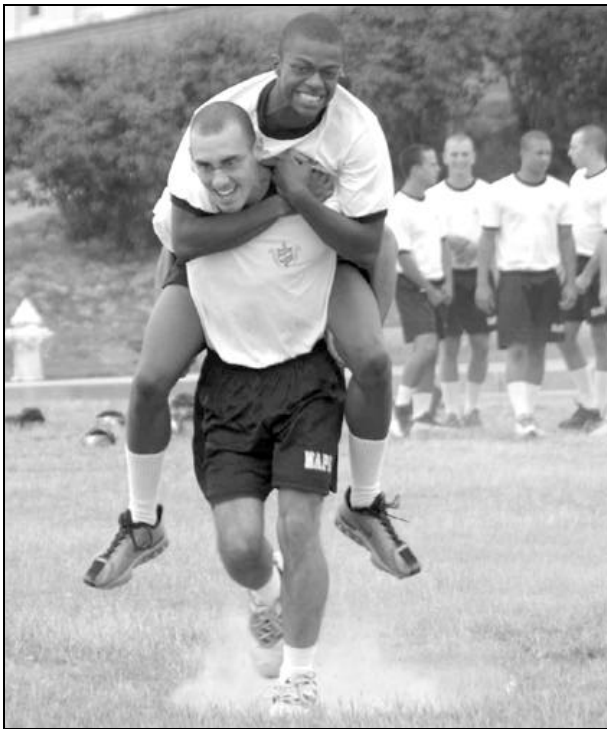
May 15 will be the Class of 2003 Pass-in-Review on the new Nimitz Field; followed by graduation in Kay Hall on May 16.



**HELPING HANDS** — Members of 3rd Company, 1st Platoon, maneuver Midshipman Candidate Thomas Perk through simulated bomb tripwires in team building exercises.



**MIDSHIPMAN** and cadet candidates welcomed their parents back to campus for Parents Weekend last September. Here, Shawn Goulet shows his parents the Nimitz Hall study lounge.



**UPLIFTING FEELING** — Midshipman Candidate Tom Perk carries Midshipman Candidate Mike Levinson in relay race competition during motivational team building exercises in July.



**THE NAPS** defensive line, shown here against Nassau Junior College, held tough this season as the football team tallied an 8-2 season, complete with a coveted victory over the Military Academy Prep School on Nov. 2. NAPS athletics posted a very successful fall sports record.

## Navy Newport 2002

# Sept. 11 creates challenges for naval chaplains

By RP3 H. OSTERBERG  
Naval Chaplains School

Sept 11, 2001, changed and challenged the lives of all American citizens. This was also true for the instructors, staff and students of the Naval Chaplains School in Brett Hall, Naval Station Newport.

The unique challenges faced by the school involved the dynamics of quality instruction and the importance of training and equipping chaplains for service in the Fleet, Fleet Marine Force and Coast Guard.

Some of the highlights from 2002 are: enhanced multimedia classrooms, renovations in the building, changes in the Basic, Advanced and Senior Chaplain training, installation of a video teletraining center, additional historical items, new staff and increased student throughput.

Regarding quality in training, each classroom at the school received new touch sensitive instruction screens. The installation of the touch screens has had a significant impact on the delivery of instruction, making teaching more dynamic and imaginative.

Also added was a new Orthodox worship laboratory that further enhances the facilitation of First Amendment rights for Chaplain Corps students.

In conjunction with the new lab, the school continues to accommodate the practices of Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Protestant and Free Church traditions in our five other worship labs.

Likewise, the school maintains a strong emphasis on historical tradition. A valuable acquisition was recently added to the collection of historical items found in the Chin Conference Center.

It is a hand-drawn charcoal rendition of Jesus rising from the ashes of Iwo Jima. Created on the canvas backing of a target support, the 3 by 6-foot drawing was produced on the

island in the shadow of Mount Suribachi immediately after the invasion landed on the beach. It hung above a makeshift altar on the first Easter service after the battle.

Last spring the Chaplains School conducted the Navy's first Human Performance Requirements Review in concert with Task Force Excel. Each of the school's three training continuums is now under revision. Additionally, with the installation of our Video Tele-Training (VTT) center we hosted the Navy Chaplain Corps first Professional Development Training Workshop (PDTW) for VTT.

In conjunction with the Naval War College's annual Ethics Conference, the theme of this PDTW was "Military Ethics." It addressed the methodology and philosophy of Just War Tradition and effective utilization of chaplains by commanding officers in combat scenarios.

This past year saw a change in directors. Chaplain (Capt.) Bert Moore, detached from the carrier USS Enterprise at Norfolk, Va., in order to relieve Chaplain (Capt.) Jefferson Atwater.

Additionally, Chief Religious Program Specialist Angela Berry received orders to serve a tour with Third Marine Division in Okinawa after four years of great service at the schoolhouse. Chief Religious Program Specialist Jessie Stuckey will replace her.

In conclusion, the Navy Chaplain Corps has seen a record year in chaplain recruiting. In the last year, the school here transformed over 100 civilian pastors, priests and rabbis from over 50 different faith groups into unified institutional chaplains through its Basic Training.

Additionally, 80 senior chaplains attended Advanced and Senior Training that focused on leadership development and organizational structure.

# Naval Dental gets patients operationally ready for duty

By LT. CMDR. ROBERT LEE  
Naval Dental Center, Northeast

Naval Dental Center Northeast worked hard in 2002 to carry out its mission in our eight clinics and three annexes located from Brunswick, Maine, to Willow Grove, Pa.

Ninety-six percent of our active duty patients are operationally ready, and over 52 percent (up from 42 percent last year) of these are dentally healthy.

This past year, 29,000 active duty beneficiaries made 75,975 appointments and received over \$20 million of dentistry which included, 15,000 cleanings, 10,580 fillings, 2,546 crowns, bridges and implants, 809 root canals, and 2,800 extractions.

The staff's accomplishments were based on the following initiatives:

The incorporation of multi-chair expanded function processes to increase the number of patients we could see with existing assets.

- The lengthening of hours during the summer at BDC Newport to accommodate the larger active duty population and influx of students.

- Having our specialists travel to other clinics within the command to save TAD expenses for our patients' commands.

- Outsourcing our prosthetic lab work to civilian prosthetic laboratories to shorten turnaround time in the delivery of crowns, bridges and dentures.

As part of our initiative to promote wellness, NDC Northeast:

- Provided oral hygiene instruction to 48,210 patients;

- Counseled 4,120 patients on the adverse effects of tobacco use;

- Educated over 10,000 elementary school students during Children's Dental Health Month in February;

- Implemented a training program that helped dental technicians qualify to perform more functions such as cleanings. An increase in qualified staff led to more available appointments, allowing us to get closer to our goal of offering two cleanings per year for each patient.

The command also provided operational assistance to the fleet. Lt. Cmdr. Joseph DeHoogh

and Dental Technician Third Class Paul Settle answered a call for augmentees and deployed aboard the dock landing ship USS Portland for six months to participate in UNITAS 02.

Ship's Serviceman Second Class Nicholas Friss deployed for two months aboard the hospital ship USNS Comfort in support of Exercise MEDCEUR 02.



**OPEN WIDE—** Cmdr. (Dr.) Ben Hunter, right, prosthodontist and Director of Branch Dental Clinic Newport, cares for a patient with the assistance of Dentalman James Njguna.

Significant upgrading and expansion of facilities were carried out this year:

- The Naval War College provided more space for our Annex, which allowed for expanded x-ray capabilities and increased the quality of care for War College staff and students.

- Nearly two thirds of the design for a new clinic building at U.S. Subbase New London, Groton, Conn., were completed.

- Headquarters and Branch Dental Clinic Newport overhauled the patient waiting area to make it more patient friendly and comfortable.

- Branch Dental Clinic Willow Grove improved its spaces through self-help projects which included patching, painting, and remodeling.

In other events, the staff celebrated the 54th anniversary of the dental technicians rate at Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Conn.

Change of command ceremonies were held July 17. Capt. Andre C. Santos relieved retired Capt. Boyd E. Robinson.

Chief Dental Technician Bradley Shee packed his golf bag for the military golf championship as a member of the All-Navy team.

Naval Dental Center Northeast revalidated its strategic plan, developed annual goals for fiscal '03 and ensured command alignment through two semi-annual policy council meetings.

## Navy Newport 2002

# NETC graduates 11,400 students

By HMC MIKE BRADY  
NETC Public Affairs Officer

The Naval Education and Training Center (NETC), the Navy's premier training site in the Northeast had much to celebrate as 2002 ends.

NETC took great strides in pursuit of the latest technology for its classrooms, increasing the number of certified Master Training Specialists, recognizing leadership in community volunteerism, implementing multiple facility upgrades, and improving numerous mission processes designed to train more Sailors faster, at less expense.

NETC has graduated a total of 11,405 students during 2002. The command is composed of six schools: Naval Chaplains School, Seaman to Admiral-21, Communication School, Instructor Training School, Damage Control School, and Officer Indoctrination School.

With the increased numbers of new chaplains recruited, the Naval Chaplains School met the challenge and provided safe and quality training.

Seaman to Admiral-21 enjoyed a successful inaugural year as it was brought online, transitioning from legacy BOOST. STA-21 graduated a total of 414 officer candidates, while dramatically decreasing the attrition rate from 17 to 5 percent.

The Communication School continues to excel in innovation and implementation of the latest systems and technology for staff and students alike, graduating over 420 students, including 13 foreign officers from the Middle East and Southwest Asia Countries.

Instructor Training School has seen the installation of the Automated Electronic Classroom (AEC). IT school is able to train prospective instructors in the use of sophisticated electronic tools to greatly enhance the delivery of their classroom presentations. The AEC is also used in conducting Task Based Curriculum Development and Command Managed Equal Opportunity

(CMEO) courses throughout the year. ITS/CMEOS has trained 242 students this year.

The Damage Control School provides a variety of courses at the Fire Fighting Trainer, Damage Control Wet Trainer (Buttercup 002), and the Training Pool. The mission is to teach active duty and reserve Navy and Coast Guard personnel techniques in damage control, firefighting, and water survival. During fiscal year 2002, these facilities offered intense and realistic training to over 9,500 students ranging from junior enlisted personnel to senior officers.

Officer Indoctrination School graduated 778 newly commissioned officers of the Staff Corps and the Unrestricted Line in 2002. More than half of the officers trained were in only two summer classes. The OIS staff has been increasingly successful due to optimization of resources and commitment to innovation.

There have been many more successes and memorable events at NETC throughout the course of the year. Here are a few:

### January:

- STA-21 gives finishing touches in preparation of the first Naval Science Institute class.
- Officer Indoctrination School welcomes the first class of the new year.

### February:

- Ribbon-cutting for Building 1112, a state of the art auditorium and classrooms complete with the latest technology and a weight room.
- NETC receives first selectees for the STA-21.

### March:

- NETC staff and students March in Newport's St Patrick's Day Parade.

### April:

- Naval Chaplains School completed the Navy's first "Human Performance Requirements Review (HPRR)."

### May:

- The Chief of Naval Education and Training speaks at STA-21 for the first NSI Gradu-



THE NAVAL EDUCATION and Training Center spearheaded 60th anniversary observance of the Battle of Midway in June with wreath-laying ceremonies aboard the decommissioned aircraft carrier Saratoga at Pier 1.



ation.

### June:

- Gaudet Middle School salutes Navy tutors.
- The Battle of Midway 60th anniversary celebration is held aboard the carrier Saratoga at Pier One.

### July:

- NETC staff and students march in the Bristol Independence Day Parade.
- NETC holds its first quarterly All Hands PT.
- The Navy Surgeon General Speaks at OIS Graduation.
- Forty-five NSI students re-enlist in Building 1112.

### August:

- NETC hosted 144 Navy Junior ROTC Cadets from Area Four Leadership and Sail Training Academy.
- Chaplains School cuts the ribbon on one of the Navy's newest and most modern Video Tele-Training Classrooms (VTT).

### September:

- Helen Glover, Damage Control School water survival instructor, is selected to compete on television reality show, *Survivor-Thailand*.
- STA-21's Lt. Rosemark selected for the Armed Forces All

**BUILDING 1112** renovations were completed in 2002, to include a lecture hall (above), offices spaces and a weightroom for NETC students. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies in March included, from left, Capt. Daniel Brennock, Commanding Officer, NETC; Fire Control Technician First Class Shawn Roderick, a BOOST student; and Cmdr. Jim Cunha, former Executive Officer, Naval Station Newport.

Star Volleyball team.

### October:

- Cmdr. Evelyn Dyer selected as NETC top schoolhouse director.

### November:

- OIS students hold Veterans Day Observance in Building 1112.

### December:

- Nimitz Field flagpole gets a new coat of paint.
- Communications School deactivated legacy Gateguard and activated state-of-the-art Defense Messaging System.



## Newport Navy 2002

### War College

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achieved the requirements needed for a fully accredited master's degree. These students attended evening seminars at one of the college's 22 satellite campuses across the country.

Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, rounded out the 2002 graduation addresses, telling November graduates, "The Navy's most valuable, most flexible, most advanced system of all is a well trained and highly motivated crew, led by officers imbued with the highest values."

"The college prepares such leaders to recognize and embrace constant values in the face of the reality of unpredictability. Our Navy and our nation, will be looking to you to defend our shores and defeat our enemies."

The Surface Warfare Flag Officer Conference (SWFOC) came to the Naval War College Dec. 3-4. It was fitting that the Naval War College was chosen as the site for this conference, as our nation continues the global War on Terrorism and embarks on new missions in the Middle East, because it is recognized as a center of strategic Naval thought and war gaming.

The Center for Naval Warfare Studies hosted many insightful conferences in the past year focused primarily on the ongoing terror war, including "The Arc of Instability: Challenges for U.S. Policy and Strategy in the Greater Middle East," "International Law and the War on Terrorism," and "Ethics and the Terror War."

The War Gaming Department also played a prominent role in supporting homeland defense with military and civilian agencies, while developing a working relationship with New York City and its organizations.

New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly took part in a homeland security war game while visiting the Naval War College in June.

"Senior government leaders acknowledge, it is no longer a question of if terrorists will strike again, but a question of when and how they will attack

America in the future," said Dr. Kenneth Watman, director of the Naval War College's War Gaming Department.

"This event gave us the opportunity to provide an environment for the New York Police Department to better prepare their top officials for this post-9/11 reality." In October, college representatives traveled to New York City to co-host a war game with New York City's Office of Emergency Management for Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his senior administration officials.

In September, the college dedicated the Patriots Memorial to 10 of its students and alumni who perished in the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.

More than 1,000 military and civilian personnel joined Rear Adm. Rempt and the Naval War College family in honoring its fallen comrades.



Ens. James McCormack/U.S. Coast Guard photo

**THE COAST** Guard cutter Willow's onboard crane lifts a buoy out of the water for routine maintenance off the coast of Rhode Island. The buoy tender is one of three stationed at Naval Station Newport.

## Cutter Willow sets buoy servicing record

**ENS. JAMES McCORMACK**  
USCGC WILLOW PAO

Lt. Cmdr. Donald E. Jaccard relieved Cmdr. Roger Bohnert of command of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Willow last June 21.

Cmdr. Bohnert's relief came at the end of his three-year tour as Commanding Officer. Under his command, Willow successfully serviced her 210 Aids To Navigation (ATONs), floating between the Northern most tip of Maine to Block Island.

Willow's other accomplishments on Bohnert's watch included assisting in the salvage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane off Cape Cod, as well as port security in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001.

Bohnert is a 1985 graduate of Coast Guard Officer Candidate School, as well as a former quartermaster. His afloat tours include cutters Reliance and Salvia, Operations Officer on cutter Hornbeam, executive officer on the cutter Maui, and Commanding Officer of the cutter Chincoteague.

Upon leaving Newport, he

was assigned as Military Adjutant to the Secretary of Transportation in Washington, D.C. He is a native of Long Island, New York and is married to the former Lynn Baker of Panama City, Florida.

Lt. Cmdr. Jaccard is a 1988 graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School and a former chief quartermaster. He holds a master of arts degree in Public Administration awarded by The George Washington University and a bachelor of science degree in law and public policy awarded by the University of Maryland-University College.

Jaccard's previous afloat tours include the cutters Papaw, Madrona, Hornbeam, Basswood, and Commanding Officer of both the cutters Key Biscane and Red Birch.

Jaccard is a native of Chesapeake City, Md. He is married to the former Teresa Franks of Baltimore. Although Jaccard has only been onboard CGC Willow a short time, he has already established high standards for his tour.

This summer, he led his crew



**NEW SKIPPER** — Lt. Cmdr. Donald E. Jaccard speaks at change of command ceremonies for the Coast Guard cutter Willow at Pier Two last June.

to complete a record-setting deployment, in which the crew serviced 60 buoys off the coast of Maine in just 17 days.

The Willow is one of three buoy tenders berthed at Pier Two. The others are the cutters Ida Lewis and Juniper.

**UPDATE:** The U.S. Coast Guard, and all its assets, now

fall under the new Department of Homeland Security established this month by President Bush.

The Coast Guard still maintains its existing independent identity as a military organization under the leadership of the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

## Navy Newport 2002

# Region's reservists join war effort in Crete, Afghanistan

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Naval Reserve Readiness Command,  
Northeast, Public Affairs Officer

Reserve Seabees from the Northeast have played a key role in the nation's war against terrorism in 2002, joining the first troops at Camp Rhino in November 2001 and Kandahar airport in Afghanistan in December 2001, and paving the way for ongoing operations of Task Force 58 in Afghanistan.

The Seabees from New York fall under the command of Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Northeast, with headquarters in Building 344, NAVSTA.

Other reservists under REDCOM were sent to Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, in late February. Those units were Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202 (MIUWU-202) and Inshore Boat Unit 21 (IBU-21), which were deployed 180 days.

MIUWU-202 and IBU-21 played an important role in the security of naval vessels and safety of U.S. Sailors coming in and out of the Marathi Naval Pier Complex.

"We provided seagoing force and anti-terrorism protection to prevent any more USS Cole (DDG 67) type incidents," said Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Kevin O'Brien.

MIUWU-202 stood watch from shore with electronic surveillance equipment, while IBU-21 patrolled the bay 24 hours a day. They were the eyes and ears of the Navy so the ships docked at the pier could assume some measure of security.

The Seabees, all attached to Naval Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NRN-MCB) 133 Detachment Alpha of Albany N.Y., were called up Sept. 26, 2001.

They and other Seabees out of Gulfport, Miss., initially went to Guam to join the main body of Naval Mobile Construction

Battalion 133, and then redeployed to support operations in Afghanistan, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

At Camp Rhino and Kandahar in Afghanistan, the Seabees reconstructed and maintained airfields. The Seabees spent 16 to 24 hours a day in runway maintenance keeping the airstrips open.

Within days of the Seabees arrival, C-17s were able to land and take off in Kandahar.

The Seabees resurrected an old Russian street-sweeper from the local junkyard and miraculously brought it to life



A SEABEE road grader in Kandahar, Afghanistan, is repaired by members of Naval Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 out of Naval Reserve Center, Albany N.Y.



WELCOME HOME — Friends and relatives of reservists with Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202 (MIUWU-202) and Inshore Boat Unit 21 (IBU-21) return to Green Airport in Warwick on Aug. 30 after 180 days deployment to Souda Bay, Crete, Greece.

again. This sweeper was critical to clearing potential FOD (foreign object damage) that literally covered the runway and taxiways and was used for weeks until a replacement was flown in.

The 260 Army engineers that were brought in to replace the 39 Seabees still use the runway as a back up.

To make the airstrip usable after the heavy bombing it had suffered during the early campaigns against the Taliban, the Seabees had to place concrete caps over 18 huge craters. Filling these holes was a test of the

Seabee can-do spirit, according to Lt. Donald Panthen, NRN-MCB 133.

Eventually, Camp Rhino was closed and all 39 forward-deployed Seabees were repositioned to Kandahar with additional tasking of constructing a short term holding facility for detainees.

"You can't tell an active Seabee from a reserve one, and the way we have integrated, trained, and worked with NM-CB 133 has been a win/win situation," Construction Mechanic Second Class Norman LeBlanc said. "All of us are in



LT. CAL QUINN and Lt. Donald Panthen, attached to NRN-MCB 133 Albany, N.Y., pose in front of Kandahar Airport, Afghanistan, late last year.

this together and together we have succeeded."

The final retrograde for the Seabees out of Afghanistan was through Kuwait, where the heavy equipment was cleaned up prior to returning to Bahrain. All heavy equipment was loaded on a Logistics Support Vessel, the LSV Frank F. Besson.

The ship steamed down the Persian Gulf back to Bahrain where it was off-loaded for maintenance and re-staging.

The Albany reserve Seabees

are all out of Afghanistan now, and have returned to Guam, Puerto Rico, and Bahrain.

"We continue to make a difference and put another place in history for the "Can do" spirit of the Seabees," said Lt. Panthen.

"Everyone has been putting long hours and at time we have felt exhaustion, but we support each other and together we have pulled through. We are very proud to have had the opportunity to turn 'can-do' into 'have done.' "

## Navy Newport 2002

# MWR adds new activities, lets good times roll

By **AMY COURVILLE**  
MWR Department Publicist

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department continued to supply a variety of leisure activities and programs for servicemembers, while keeping an eye on upgrading its facilities.

The third annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of active duty military was hosted at the Recreation Center in conjunction with the Armed Services YMCA. Several hundred military families participated.

Patrons of the Officers' Club's popular Lobsters for Happy Hour were treated to fabulous entertainment by a variety of local musicians performing everything from calypso to country western to smooth jazz.

MWR's golf tournaments continued to be a huge success with capacity participation at this year's four events.

A full schedule of Summer Concerts on the Lawn returned with four shows on Dewey Field, Coasters' Harbor Island. Once again, spectacular fireworks lit up the skies over Newport Harbor in celebration of the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

The second annual Ghoulish Gathering featured a Halloween Hayride, creepy crafts, ghostly games and much more for hundreds of costume-garbed military children (and adults.)

MWR also provided support for the Fall into the Rhythm Concert and bonfire outside the NEX Uniform Shop; as well as the third annual Holiday Tree Lighting which once again featured festive holiday music and a visit from St. Nick.

MWR facilities continued to be renovated, upgraded and improved throughout the year:

A new dock is being constructed at the Navy Sailing Center and Marina to replace the recently demolished "A" Dock just inside Gate 1. The new dock will have a floating concrete main pier, new utilities (water and electrical) and wood fingers. The new pier will contain 52 berthing spaces, 48 rental spaces and four spaces for the MWR rental fleet.

Also, the Recreation Center's

Enlisted Men's and Chief Petty Officer Lounges were relocated to the waterside of the building and are undergoing a complete face-lift, expected to be complete in early 2003.

The Officers' Club was also upgraded with new carpet and window treatments in the Constellation Room. Additional renovations to the Topside Pub and kitchen will begin in December.

Many new and exciting programs were also sponsored by MWR throughout the past year.

Gym 109 added several new fitness programs, designed to motivate and challenge participants. In addition to a number of "Fun Runs," the gym offered contests in bench pressing, curling and dips. The addition of Yoga to the fitness class schedule was very well received and first annual Command Relay and Biathlon Challenge participants thrived on friendly competition and sportsmanship.

The Navy Sailing Center and Marina's Power boating and Sail Training Classes offered hundreds of participants a chance to sail away from it all.

Trips, tours and discounted



Ron Fontaine/Y.S. Navy photos

**MORALE, Welfare and Recreation's first Command Challenge in October pitted five-man teams from Naval Station Newport commands in swimming, cycling and running, finishing with a sprint and obstacle course run at Carr Point Recreation Area.**

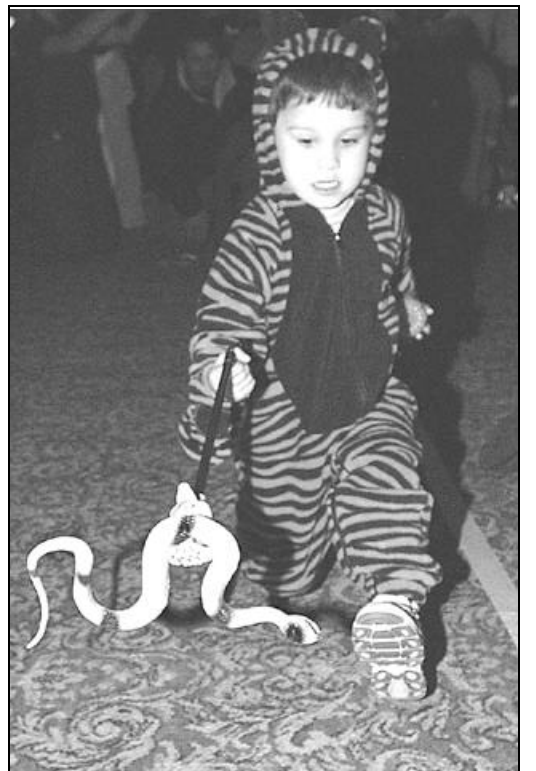


**THE FALL into Rhythm Concert and bonfire outside the Navy Exchange Uniform Shop was a new event this year, and drew hundreds of Sailors and their families to a night of fun.**

tickets were abundant for patrons of sports and the arts, through the MWR Ticket Con-

nection. Some of the events included The Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus and Disney on Ice show in Provi-

dence, and *The Producers* in New York.



**THE SPOOK-TACULAR Ghoulish Gathering at the Officers' Club just before Halloween provided good fun for the wee ones.**



## Navy Newport 2002



**PRESENT and past directors of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies pose with Lt. Gen. Tome Walters, center, director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, to commemorate DIILS' 10th anniversary. From left are current DIILS director Col. Richard Price, Cmdr. Buzz Waltman, retired Capt. Ron Winfrey, and retired Capt. Guy Abbate.**

## DIILS completes 10 year milestone

Ten years ago, in a little noticed event, a solitary Navy Judge Advocate became the International Training Department at the Naval Justice School.

Today, that Department has evolved into Naval Station Newport's only joint agency activity. The Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS) is staffed by judge advocates from all military services, civilian attorneys, a support staff of civilians and enlisted Army and Navy personnel, and a Navy reserve unit.

Those 10 years represent an incredible effort by the DIILS team, working to meet the foreign policy goals of the United States by promoting the rule of law and human rights around the world.

This past year marked a number of significant milestones for DIILS.

Last February, DIILS dispatched its 500th Mobile Training Team (MET). It was sent to Beirut, Lebanon. By the end of this calendar year, DIILS will have sent 560 teams to 84 countries, and conducted legal seminars for over 17,000 participants in those countries.

In addition, four resident courses offered by DIILS at Naval Station Newport bring senior level military and civilian officials from around the

world to discuss significant legal issues involved in military and peacekeeping operations. Similarly, the Coast Guard's Model Maritime Service Code Program, now sponsored by DIILS, has reached out to 20 countries in an effort to establish uniform standards relating to maritime laws.

DIILS' work in influencing improved legal systems and guiding countries in developing new military justice codes, maritime service codes, and non-judicial punishment codes and regulations, is the foundation for militaries and governments to operate in accordance with the rule of law and international norms.

During the past year, DIILS addressed many key legal issues, including the legal aspects of combating terrorism. A unique regional seminar, held in Newport, involved the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia and this important topic.

The seminar was unique not only in its subject matter, but because two of the nations participating were technically in a state of war. DIILS teams also worked with a Parliamentary committee in Latvia to successfully assist in rewriting laws and regulations pertaining to nonjudicial punishment. DIILS teamed with the Defense

Information School to bring media and the military together in Argentina and Malawi to create a cooperative effort to make military organizations more accessible to the public.

DIILS further worked on projects involving AIDS, setting up Peace Operations training centers, addressing corruption, and creating an office of Inspector General in countries as diverse as Mongolia and South Africa.

In marking the 10th anniversary of DIILS, Lt. Gen. Tome Walters, Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, remarked, "The work of DIILS has never been more needed. Since 9/11, the world has changed dramatically. As a country and as a world community, we are facing new challenges and difficult legal and political issues that we must solve. DIILS will help us do that."

As DIILS begins its second decade of operation, its mission continues to evolve. Building 441 is being renovated and will become the new home for DIILS in the fall of 2003. This will give the organization a permanent facility to expand operations and provide more opportunities for interaction with military and civilian leaders from around the world.

## Graduation

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Ensign Daniel R. Fulton, USS Dubuque (LPD 8)  
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Ensign Julia K. Loya, USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55)  
Ensign Gwen N. Major, USS Gonzalez (DDG 66)  
Ensign Garrett L. Marsh, USS Chosin (CG 65)  
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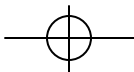


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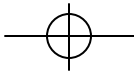
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## New carrier named after George H. Bush

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Gordon England officially named the Navy's 10th Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, CVN 77, in honor of World War II naval aviator and former President of the United States George Herbert Walker Bush during a ceremony Dec. 9 at the Pentagon.

"USS George Herbert Walker Bush will serve as a worldwide symbol of our resolve," England said during the ceremony. "It will be a reminder of the 'Greatest Generation.'"

Sen. John Warner of Virginia, a former Secretary of the Navy himself, joined England and the former president for the event.

In the senator's comments, he reminded everyone how important Bush's role as a naval aviator in World War II was to people growing up in America then.

"This is a very special occasion, to be able to honor a great American hero whose humility knows no limits," Warner said. "(During World War II) the idol of all of us was those who took to the air. We all looked up most to them."

After unveiling a model of the ship, Bush thanked those responsible for the honor.

"When I was in the Navy, if I saw a lieutenant commander, I thought I had died and gone to heaven if I didn't have to talk to him," he said. "Now, here I stand with (the Secretary of the Navy and Warner), and I am overwhelmed and very, very grateful."

Bush's lifetime of service to America began when he joined the Navy on his 18th birthday in 1942 as a seaman. He became the Navy's youngest pilot when he received his commission and was designated a naval aviator before his 19th birthday.

Serving in the Navy from August 1942 to September 1945, Bush flew the Avenger torpedo bomber in combat from the carrier USS San Jacinto (CVL 30).

Bush later served in a number of roles for America, including U.S. congressman, ambassador to the United Nations, chief of the U.S. Liaison Office

to China and director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Later, Bush served as vice president and president of the United States.

## Naval Media Center to broadcast concert

WASHINGTON (NNS) —The U.S. Navy Band and the Naval Media Center will once again join creative forces to present a live broadcast of "Happy Holidays - U.S. Navy Band Holiday Concert 2002," from Washington, D.C., Sunday, Dec. 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The 90-minute live concert special is offered as a public service to the 7 million subscribers of the Dish Network on channels 227 and 9601.

It will also be broadcast either live or on a tape-delayed basis by cable systems and television stations serving most Navy and Marine Corps communities.

(Newport Naval Cable Television will carry it live on channel 13)

This year's concert celebrates the holiday season with traditional music along with jazz, rock, rhythm and blues, country and bluegrass renditions of popular holiday songs—and original compositions written and performed especially for the show by the talented musicians and vocalists of the U.S. Navy Band.

Featured along with the Navy Band are its highly acclaimed ensembles, the Sea Chanters Chorus, Country Current, the Cruisers rock group and the Commodores jazz band.

## NUWC Newport tests cleaner torpedo fuel

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) —Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport Division recently completed testing of a new monopropellant that could potentially be used as a cleaner fuel alternative for propelling torpedoes.

Moden Fuel I, a low-cost, wakeless and environmentally friendly monopropellant was tested at Newport Division's propulsion test facility as part of a three-run test series to determine a cleaner alternative for Otto fuel, which the Navy is currently using for torpedo and other propulsion needs.

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